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Troy Stakes Race This Saturday At The Spa

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(August 19, 2005- TROY)- Mayor Harry J Tutunjian announced Friday that the Second Annual Troy Stakes will take place Saturday afternoon at Saratoga Racetrack.

Last year, the New York Racing Association honored the City of Troy with the inaugural Stakes race, which was won by Willard Straight, with John Velazquez aboard. The September 4, 2004 race gained instant fame when Velazquez won the inaugural Troy Stakes and broke the record for most wins by a jockey during a single meet.

This year, NYRA has moved the race to Saturday where it joins the prestigious Alabama as the second Stakes race of the day. Mayor Tutunjian said Friday he was honored to have the race moved to one of the busiest days of the season, and hopes that City of Troy gains maximum exposure.

“Last year, John Velazquez set a record during the Troy Stakes, this year we’ve been moved to Alabama Day,” Tutunjian said. “This is extremely exciting for the City of Troy. Tens of thousands of people will be visiting the track on Saturday, and this race offers us an exciting opportunity to market the City in a new way. Every little bit counts when trying to promote the City. I hope we see a 99-1 win the race this weekend, just for added excitement.”

Mayor Tutunjian will be available for interviews at the track on Saturday. Any interested media members should contact Jeff Buell on Saturday at 366-5042.